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PERMISSION TO AIRLINES TO FLY ABROAD
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a): the details of the new private airlines which have started their services from Indian domestic and international airports to Middle-East and European destinations in the last two years and during the current year;

(b): whether the Government has received more request from private airline companies for introducing their service operations from the Indian domestic and international airports to Middle-East and European destinations;

(c): if so, the details thereof; and

(d): the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (d):A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 201 for reply on 13.3.2008 regarding ' Permission to Airlines to Fly Abroad'.

(a): As per the present policy of the Government, the Private Scheduled carriers having a fleet of 20 aircraft and 5 years experience of operations in domestic sector are permitted to operate on international routes. Two of the private scheduled airlines viz. M/s Jet Airways and M/s JetLite fulfill the eligibility criteria. At present, M/s Jet Airways is providing direct connectivity to two European destinations viz. United Kingdom and Belgium and four Middle-East countries viz. Oman, Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain, as under:

Year	Name of the country	Route	No. of services per week
2005-06	UK (London)	Mumbai-London - Mumbai	7
		Delhi-London - Delhi	7
2006-07	UK (London)	Mumbai-London - Mumbai	7
		Amritsar-London - Amritsar	3
2007-08	UK (London)	Ahmedabad-London - Ahmedabad#	3
	Belgium	Mumbai-Brussels	7
		Delhi-Brussels	7
		Chennai-Brussels	7
	Kuwait	Delhi-Kuwait-Delhi	7
		Kochi-Kuwait-Kochi	7
	Oman	Kochi-Muscat-Kochi	7
		Calicut-Muscat-Calicut	7
	Qatar	Calicut-Doha-Calicut	7
		Mumbai-Doha-Mumbai	7
	Bahrain	Mumbai-Bahrain-Mumbai	7

#M/s Jet Airways have withdrawn Ahmedabad-London flights effective January, 2008

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d): The Government has received requests from M/s JetLite and M/s Deccan Aviation Limited for their proposed operations to/from European/Middle East destinations. As per the existing eligibility criteria, M/s Deccan Aviation Limited will become eligible for international operations w.e.f. 26th August, 2008. Further, grant of traffic rights to the scheduled carriers is an on-going process as per the requests received from them depending upon various factors viz. meeting the eligibility criteria, availability of traffic rights, traffic demand, enhancing connectivity etc.